

Helping to Address the Humanitarian and Community Needs of Postville

A Full-Time National Volunteer Service Opportunity



Position Summary

The AmeriCorps VISTA member will address the humanitarian and community needs of the northeast Iowa area surrounding Postville, including the needs of dislocated workers and economic instability. The person in turn will receive a moderate living allowance, health benefits, and an end of service benefit of either a \$4,725 education award or a \$1,200 cash stipend.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Serve as a capacity builder for Postville and neighboring communities within a four county region;
- Collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies; faith communities; and ethnic groups;
- Help find and coordinate provision of food, shelter, heat, light and water utilities, clothes, medical needs, and counseling;
- Recruitment and/or management of community volunteers;
- Link with other providers of services such as community action agencies, Department of Human Services, ISU Extension, Iowa Legal Aid, and Iowa Workforce Development
- Assist with long- and short-term strategic planning; and
- Creation of manuals and resources for community projects and programs, including food pantry and community garden

Recommended skills or qualifications

- Self-starter, self-motivating and able to multi-task;
- Experience with and sensitivity to different religious, economic, ethnic, and racial groups and cultures;
- Excellent public speaking, writing, and organizational skills;
- Possession of a current driver's license and access to a private car;
- Able to commit to a full year of service without outside commitments; and
- Proficiency in Spanish and/or experience with English Language learners desirable, but not required

For more information or to apply

Applicants must apply online at http://www.americorps.org/for_individuals/ready/index.asp. Select "Community Development" and "Iowa". Search for and select "Iowa Human & Civil Rights VISTA Project—Postville." For more information, contact Crystal Schrader at crystal.schrader@iowa.gov or 515-281-0367. Information about VISTA can be found at www.vista.gov. Deadline is July 1, 2009!